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STRUCTURE CHURCH OF THE GESU (Roman Catholic) (PA-1724)

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SE cor. 18th and Thompson Sts. (originally at NE cor. 18th and Stile Sts.). Brick with granite trim, approx. 122' (five-bay front) x 252', one and five stories with two-story facade, gable roof, square towers with low hipped roofs flank cyma-curved center gable, coupled Doric colonnade at ground story, coupled Ionic colonnade at second story,

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curved pedimented doors; three-aisle plan with four chapels along each side, balconies, apsidal chancel with two side altars, large flattened barrel vault, notable decorations. Built 1879-88, Edwin F. Durang, architect; towers finished after 1895; interior decorated 1918, Br. Francis C. Schroen, S.J., decorator; lower half of interior redecorated, renovated 1952-56, Brs. Frederick E. Barth, S.J., and George M. Bambrick, S.J., decorators; five-story Jesuit Community House built at rear corner 1911, Fr. Charles Lyons, S.J., designer; Thomas Reilly, builder. Notable example of a High

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Victorian Baroque church with the country's widest unobstructed nave when built. Part of an ecclesiastic complex that included parish school, college (St. Joseph's) and nearby hospital (St. Joseph's). Masterpiece of an important local architect. 2 ex. photos (1973).

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